

**REMARKS**

**Restriction Requirement**

The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Group I, claims 1 to 45, drawn to a method and apparatus for transmitting acoustic signals, where an audible sound signal and an insertion signal are synthesized and transmitted, and the insertion signal is extracted from a synthesized sound electrical signal, classified in class 380, subclass 236.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-45, in this Application.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,  
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